

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 are pending. Claim 6 has been cancelled. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 6 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Takano (U.S. Patent No. 5,924,043) in view of Applicants Admitted Prior Art. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 6.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 were allowable. In view of the cancellation of claim 6, only claims 1, 2, 4, 5, and 8 are pending. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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